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THE OPENING OF SCHOOL

McPherson College was an unusually busy place this fall when registration for the first semester took place Sept. 15 and 16. The large enrollment even the first day exceeded all expectations and on the second day it rose to a phenomenal figure. The opening address was delivered Wednesday morning, Sept. 17, by President Kurtz. It was a message full of meaning and put in Dr. Kurtz's usual scholarly way, much to the delight of a large assembly. The student body manifested deep appreciation of the address.

CHAPEL TOO SMALL

It took but a few days to demonstrate the fact that the present chapel in Sharp Administration Building is far from adequate to seat the student body of the college. Arrangements were soon made therefore to make use of the side rooms, the rostrum being constructed for the faculty in the west end of the room so as to render the side rooms available.

THE LATEST FIGURES

A late count of the enrollment of the college reveals the following facts: In the academy there are 42 freshmen, 38 sophomores, 42 juniors and 32 seniors. There are 14 specials in the academy. In the college there are 97 freshmen, 65 sophomores, 33 juniors, 33 seniors, 5 graduate students, and 10 specials. Miss Brown has 36 piano students. There are enough other special students to place the total

enrollment close to the 500 mark. Thirty-four married couples are enrolled for school work.

STRONG ANTI-TOBACCO SENTIMENT

McPherson College enjoys the distinction of being the pioneer college of Kansas to enter actively into the campaign against the tobacco evil. The Anti-Tobacco Association this year is indeed one of the live organizations of the school. Under the presidency of Seth P. Osborn the membership has gone over the three hundred mark. Two oratorical contests dealing with the subject of tobacco are promised us this year and a number of students are already gathering material for orations.

THE NEW SCIENCE BUILDING—A CRISIS

We are pleased to announce that the unprecedented increase in enrollment in all departments has precipitated a crisis. Recitation rooms and laboratories are too few and too small to accommodate the multiplied and enlarged classes. A new building for class and lecture rooms and laboratories is absolutely necessary if McPherson College is to properly care for its present and growing student body.

A new building fifty-two feet by one hundred twenty-four feet, four stories high, is being planned. The first floor will have the chemistry laboratories, a chemistry lecture room, and two class rooms. The second floor will contain the laboratories and class rooms of domestic science and art, and physics. The third floor will accommodate the laboratories and class rooms of the departments of physiology, biology and agriculture. The fourth floor will probably have society halls and several class rooms.

The new building is to be fire proof and thoroughly modern in construction and equipment. Its

probable cost will be between seventy-five and one hundred thousand dollars. Of this amount about fifteen thousand dollars has been pledged.

Without more building McPherson College can not continue to grow. We believe that the alumni, patrons and friends of McPherson College will be so well pleased with its phenomenal growth that they will rally to her and supply ample funds for her growing need.

ELECTION TO BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Some of the church districts supporting McPherson College have recently elected new trustees to serve for three years. Up to date the following have been reported: Southern Missouri, D. W. Teeter vice C. W. Gilt; Middle Missouri, W. W. Holeopple vice James M. Mohler; Southwestern Kansas and Southeastern Colorado, H. J. Harnly and F. P. Dettler (on executive committee); Nebraska, S. G. Nickey vice U. C. Miller; Northern Kansas, Norman Baylor vice Frank E. McCune.

ANNUAL MEETING OF TRUSTEES

The regular annual meeting of the college Board of Trustees will occur February 2, 1920. This comes immediately after the sessions of the Bible Institute, thus making it possible for the trustees to attend both of these events.

BIBLE INSTITUTE

The annual Bible Institute of McPherson College occurs Jan. 25 to Feb. 1, (inclusive) 1920. All the details are not yet arranged but the following are agreed upon:

Dr. Kurtz will offer six hours work in the studies of the Kingdom. Dr. Culler will offer six hours in Bible,

the subject to be selected in the future. He will also give three lectures on the Orient. Twelve hours will be devoted to Missions, the speaker to be supplied later. Professor Yoder will give two lectures on rural community problems. Professor Mohler has six hours work in agriculture and Miss Walters will devote some time to Household Economics. Miss Frantz will give three hours to Bible reading and Professor Rowland will give three hours on Church Music. Six hours will be given to conferences on Sunday School Problems by Prof. Deeter.

Expenses will be moderate. There is no tuition. Board and room may be had at about \$1.25 a day. Please watch the columns of the Gospel Messenger for further announcements. It is specially requested that all who contemplate attending the Institute notify Professor Deeter or Professor Morris before January 1, 1920.

THE COLLEGE AT THE DISTRICT CONFERENCES

Representatives of the college have been able to attend many of the conferences in the districts tributary to McPherson. Professor Studebaker attended two conferences—those of Texas and Oklahoma. Several faculty members went to the Rocky Ford meeting. Dr. Kutrz gave the educational address. A good offering was lifted for the new science hall and some money was pledged on endowment. Secretary Beckner and Professor Studebaker attended the conference of Northeastern Kansas and report an excellent spirit in that section. A good strong resolution commendatory of the work of the college was passed by the delegate body. Secretary Beckner and Professor Deeter attended the Northern Missouri meeting at Plattsburg. It was described as one of the most enthusiastic. The fac-

ulty and trustees are noting with great satisfaction the progress of educational sentiment as manifested in these district meetings.

THE SMITH GIFT



Because of an oversight a very commendable donation to the college was omitted from mention in the August bulletin. Last spring Elder and Mrs. C. B. Smith of Merrill, Kansas bequeathed to McPherson College on the annuity plan a fine 320 acre farm of Osborne county land, giving a deed therefor. By this arrangement Brother and Sister Smith receive annually from the college a stated per cent upon the valuation of the farm as long as they live. The college ceases paying this sum at the death of the donors and then the entire income from the farm becomes a permanent part of the support of the college. Brother and Sister Smith are staunch friends of the college and this gift is only one of the many evidences of their keen appreciation of its worth. As they take up their residence in Virginia the best wishes of the college will certainly follow them.

THE NEW DORMITORY FOR LADIES

We are pleased to present a cut of the new dormitory for ladies, which was completed November 1, and occupied Monday, Nov. 3. The building is 30 by 64 feet in dimensions, three stories, built of brick and hollow tile, with a green tile roof. It is modern in every way, furnished thru-out with first class oak furniture and cost a total of about \$23,000.

The first floor contains four suites of rooms, a laundry, bath and toilets. The second contains three suites of rooms, two single rooms and a reception room. The third floor contains nine student rooms, bath and toilets.

MILLION DOLLARS FOR McPHERSON COLLEGE

All the prophets of today know that Christian education is the only salvation for America and the world. The problems of state, industry, home, and society will not be solved unless they are solved right—and that is in accordance with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Kingdom of Christ will not grow without trained leaders; trained Christian leaders do not come save from Christian institutions. The Christian college is the hope of the future. The church must see this vision at once and suport the college heroically or lose her leadership, and therefore civilization will degenerate.

McPherson College has now five hundred students. With a little effort a hundred more could have been secured. But there is not room for many more. Our dormitories are full, our class rooms are overcrowded, and our capacity is in every respect taxed to the limit. Yet, it is a conservative statement that in the next five years McPherson College could get a thousand students if she were equipped to care for them.

A thousand students getting a Christian education! A thousand trained for Christian leadership! Twice as many for missions, ministry, Sunday School workers and Christian business men! What an opportunity! Why not? All this is within reach, if Christian people furnish the money to care for them.

What will happen if we do not enlarge our opportunities? Then many of these students will go to institutions where materialism, atheism and naturalism abound; where the ideals are such as to crush rather than develop and promote service in the Kingdom. Then the needs of the church and the Kingdom will not be met.

There never was a call of God more than now to invest our money in McPherson College to train a thousand students for Christian service. If we fail in this, we neglect the call of God. The young people are available, the ideals of the school are definite and known, and the faculty is ready for a larger service—all we need is equipment.

"But what do you want with a million dollars?" We need half a million for added endowment and a hundred thousand for a new science hall immediately. This is a crisis. The college must have this for present needs—an absolute necessity. The school cannot maintain her present standing without this building.

Present needs and future growth demand \$150,000 for added dormitories, \$100,000 for added chapel and administrative facilities, \$75,000 for a much needed divinity building, and \$75,000 for added equipment for library, laboratories and improvements.

A million dollars in the next five years! This looks big—but it is necessary to meet the needs of the hour and to care for the opportunity that is knocking at the door. Can this be done? Yes, for it means only

\$17 per member each year for five years. If every member in the McPherson territory would give \$85 in the next five years this million dollars would be secured. Of course, many must give their thousands and ten thousands. All should give something.

Let us realize now—(1) The world crisis demands a great forward movement for the church, (2) There can be no real forward movement without trained, intelligent leadership, (3) Christian leadership must depend upon the Christian college, (4) McPherson College has the ideals, the faculty, and the students are there and ready to come, (5) There is no growth possible without added equipment and endowment, (6) The opportunity in sight demands a million dollars to meet it in an efficient way, and (7) This is the will of God, for He has given the wealth to the people for just such an opportunity. May the entire church pray and consecrate their self to this task. God wills it; shall we do His will? D. W. K.

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